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Applicants: Owen *et al.*  
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RESTRAINING PIPE SPIGOTS IN MECHANICAL PIPE JOINT BELL  
SOCKETS

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.121**

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated September 11, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.